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#### Presentation of the 2019 Colin Crisp Awards

In 2019 the Colin Crisp Awards were announced as follows:

- Conservation Project: Transport for New South Wales (formerly Roads and Maritime Services) for the restoration of the Barham-Koondrook Bridge;
- Documentation Project: William (Bill) Phippen OAM, for his book The Hawkesbury River Railway Bridges; and
- Documentation Project - Highly Commended: David Jehan, for his book A History of Hudson Brothers, Carpenters, Engineers and Manufacturers 1866 to 1898.

It was planned to present the certificates during the Dunedin conference in 2020. With best laid plans disrupted by COVID, the 2019 winners have been remarkably patient. During the recent EHA Conference dinner on 12 October 2022, the 2019 Colin Crisp Award certificates were presented by Don Moloney, Chair of Engineers Australia's Sydney Division.



L to R: Jamie Burrage (General Manager Sydney); Ian Berger (Transport for NSW); Bill Phippen; David Jehan; Don Moloney (President Sydney); Frank Johnson (Chair Engineering Heritage Sydney) Photo: Jon Lee

The Colin Crisp Awards are biannual. The Colin Crisp Award winners in 2021 were:

- Conservation Project: Mr Ian Newnham representing Gippsland International Incorporated and Friends of the No. 21 Dredger for saving No. 21 Dredger at Morwell in Victoria;
- Documentation Project Joint Winner: Dr Bob Taaffe for Signal Boxes of New South Wales Railways and Tramways; and
- Documentation Project Joint Winner: Mr Scott Munter representing Steel Reinforcement Institute of Australia for A Guide to Historical Steel Reinforcement in Australia (A Two Volume Set)

Details of the 2019 awards can be found in the EHA Magazine Vol3 No.6 September 2020.  
Details of the 2021 awards can be found in the EHA magazine Vol4 No.2 May 2022.

If interested in the Barham-Koondrook Bridge, a webinar is available on EA OnDemand at <https://eaondemand.engineersaustralia.org.au/Play?pId=fc007c2f-11e0-4f92-9f47-cfd274ba8ea4>.

*(From Mike Taylor)*

## Garden Island - Captain Cook Graving Dock

Some in EHS / EHA may recall our ceremony on 17 June 2021, when the Captain Cook Graving Dock in Sydney's Garden Island was formally recognised with an Engineering Heritage National Marker. Following this, I was contacted by Beryl Mitchell, who was preparing a photo book on Garden Island. This has now been published as ***Portrait of a Working Dockyard***, including the letter I wrote on behalf of EHA, commending the engineering heritage of the dock.

Beryl describes her book as:

*Portrait of a Working Dockyard* is a photobook about Garden Island dockyard in Woolloomooloo. It contains photos taken over ten years from 2004 to 2014 of commercial dockings, maintenance work in the dock, the dockworkers and the infrastructure such as the caisson and pumphouse, together with Naval ceremonies and unusual visitors to the dockyard such as Queen Mary II, the USS Kitty Hawk and tall ship Esmeralda.

It has been self-published by photographer Berylouise Mitchell who worked at Garden Island for a private defence contractor. The photobooks are a limited edition, A4 landscape, handmade by Australia's premier photobook printer MementoPro in Sydney and sell for \$75 each.

With a printed hard cover and wraparound dust jacket each photobook is 92 pages printed on Satin 170gsm paper with 145 photos, in colour and black and white, from film negatives and digital.

Contact Beryl for more information or to order a book via email [berylouise@tpg.com.au](mailto:berylouise@tpg.com.au) or on 0425 834 965.

I thoroughly recommend this book, for it paints a truly remarkable picture of the Captain Cook Graving Dock - its engineering, the ships and the people involved. The photographs are varied, informative and creative, which make this an excellent publication. I especially liked Beryl's inclusion of people in nearly all the photos, for so often the people are overlooked in our recognition of engineering works and achievements.



## Portrait of a Working Dockyard



*(From Frank Johnson)*

### **Contributions needed**

*Readers are invited to share news, bright ideas, issues of concern, advice about online talks – anything that would be of interest and helpful to others, by sending them to editor Firas Shawash at [fshawash@yahoo.com](mailto:fshawash@yahoo.com) for inclusion in the next Bulletin - more Australia-wide content would be appreciated.*

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